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FORCES

USIS PASS TO VOA NEWSROOM AND IEA

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1. IN RECENT VOICE OF AMERICA NEWSCASTS COVERING DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC, WE HAVE NOTED CONTINUED USE OF THE
EXPRESSION "KHMER INSURGENTS" TO IDENTIFY KHMER COMMUNIST FORCES
OPERATING IN THIS COUNTRY.

2. WE BELIEVE THIS TERM IS INADEQUATE AND INACCURATE BECAUSE
IT FAILS TO MAKE EXPLICIT THE FACT THAT THESE FORCES ARE LED
BY KHMER COMMUNISTS WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN HANOI, SUPPLIED
BY THE DRV, DIRECTED BY THE COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP OF VIETNAM, AND
ADVISED AND REINFORCED BY OFFICERS AND UNITS OF THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE ARMY. IT WAS FOR THESE REASONS THAT THE FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AGENCIES OF THE USG AGREED SOME TIME AGO ON THE USE OF
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THE TERM "KHMER COMMUNISTS" (AND THE TERM "VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS")

TO IDENTIFY NORTH VIETNAMES AND VIETCONG FORCES OPERATING HERE).

3. TO ENSURE ACCURACY IN REPORTING, WE SUGGEST THAT HENCEFORTH
NOA NEWSCASTERS SHOULD ALSO EMPLOY THE TERM "KHMER COMMUNISTS" OR
"KHMER COMMUNIST FORCES" IN REFERRING TO KHMER COMMUNIST MILITARY
UNITS IN AND PERSONNEL OPERATING IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC. ENDERS

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